

Comparisons of Job Characteristics

Focus Occupation: [Physical Therapist Assistants \(31-2021\)](#)

Associated Occupation: [Fitness Trainers and Aerobics Instructors \(39-9031\)](#)

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<<	Focus occupation element is much lower
<	Focus occupation element is lower
0	Focus occupation element is at a similar level
>	Focus occupation element is at a higher level
>>	Focus occupation element is at a much higher level

Knowledge

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 87

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Associated Occupation's Key Knowledge Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating		Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Customer and Personal Service	11.3	16.8	18.4	0	Current knowledge level may be sufficient
Education and Training	9.2	16.3	14.7	<	Expanded education and/or training may be required
Psychology	6.4	10.6	14.6	>>	Current knowledge level is likely more than sufficient
Sociology and Anthropology	4.1	6.6	6.2	0	Current knowledge level may be sufficient

The maximum possible rating is 25.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section analysis of O*NET (Occupation Information Network) data.

Skills

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 85

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Associated Occupation's Key Skills Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating		Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Instructing	7.8	13.1	9.6	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Service Orientation	7.9	11.5	10.8	0	Current skill level may be sufficient
Learning Strategies	7.2	11.0	8.8	<	A higher skill level may be required
Social Perceptiveness	9.1	10.7	11.8	>	Skill level is likely sufficient

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Abilities

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 57

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Associated Occupation's Key Abilities Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Trunk Strength	5.7	14.1	8.3	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Stamina	4.0	13.8	6.6	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Gross Body Coordination	3.9	13.2	6.6	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Extent Flexibility	4.8	12.3	8.5	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Dynamic Strength	3.5	12.2	5.4	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Gross Body Equilibrium	3.2	8.2	4.0	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Dynamic Flexibility	1.2	7.5	1.2	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required

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Activities that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 70

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Work Activities	Exclusivity of Activity
Assist patient in performing breathing exercises	89
Use massage therapy procedures	81

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily perform all of the listed activities. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the activity is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations engage in that activity.

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Tools and Technologies that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 76

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Tools and Technologies	Exclusivity
Aerobic training equipment	47
Blood pressure units and related products	11
Business function specific software	1

Computers	1
Content authoring and editing software	1
Data management and query software	1
Emergency medical services resuscitation products	15
Finance accounting and enterprise resource planning ERP software	2
Industry specific software	1
Information exchange software	1
Medical exam size measuring devices	24
Rehabilitation exercise devices and equipment	24
Weight and resistance training equipment	70

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily use all of the listed tools and technologies. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the tool or technology is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations use that tool or technology.

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